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RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

No appeals or interferences known to Appellant, Appellant's legal representative, or assignee will directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the Board's decision in the present Appeal.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-4, 10-12, 14-17, 23-25, 27-30, 36-38, 40-68 are pending, and stands finally rejected by the Examiner as noted in the Final Rejection dated June 2, 2003. The rejection of these pending claims is appealed.

STATUS OF AMENDMENTS

An Amendment B was proposed subsequent to the Final Rejection dated June 2, 2003 for purposes of clarifying the claim language. That amendment was not entered by the Examiner as indicated in the Advisory Action dated August 18, 2003.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

A current health profile for a user is monitored at a personal health monitoring system. The current health profile includes multiple monitored physical parameters and multiple monitored environmental parameters. Multiple actions for selection by the user are received at the personal health monitoring system. The multiple actions are prioritized according to the current health profile and designated allowances for the user at the personal health monitoring system. The prioritized actions are presented for selection by the user. Last, a priority level is determined for each action at which sufficient allowances are available in view of the designated allowances, for example, such as time allowances, financial allowances, and health allowances,

such that the personal health monitoring system aids the user in selecting from among the multiple actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of the user. Other features of the invention include scheduling multiple tasks in the user's electronic schedule according to the current health profile and designated allowances for the user at the personal health monitoring system.

ISSUE

Is the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-4, 10-12, 14-17, 23-25, 27-30, 36-38, 40-68 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Raymond et al* (US Patent No. 5,778,882) ("Raymond") in view of *Trudeau et al*, (US Patent No. 5,980,447) well founded?

GROUPING OF THE CLAIMS

For purposes of this appeal, there are two groups of claims:

- (I) Claims 1-39 stand and fall together, and
- (II) Claims 40-66 stand and fall together.

ARGUMENT

Rejection of Group I under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

With reference to exemplary Claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that *Raymond* in view of *Trudeau* does not show or suggest the steps of:

prioritizing said plurality of actions according to said current health parameters and designated allowances for said particular user at said personal health monitoring system;

*...
determining a priority level at which sufficient allowances are available for each of said plurality of actions in view of said designated allowances,*

wherein said designated allowances includes at least one type of allowance from among time allowances, financial allowances, and health allowances.

On page 3 of the Final Office Action, the Examiner cited a number sections¹ from both *Trudeau* and *Raymond* as suggesting these elements, including columns 5 and 10 of *Trudeau*. At the cited section of column 5, *Trudeau* teaches a computer system for evaluating a level of stress of an individual, and providing a strategy of action to alleviate the stress based on the evaluation. At the cited section of column 10, *Trudeau* teaches that its system recommends remedial actions and directions to tools, and ranks the tools in a progression of stress reducing actions. It can be seen that *Trudeau* is teaching a system of ranking available stress reducing actions and tools. While the ranking of these actions and tools is clearly driven by the level of distress in the patient, nothing within those and the above-cited sections of the references suggest that such ranking or prioritization of actions and tools occurs as a function of "designated allowances for said particular user," as is recited in Claim 1.

At the bottom of page 7 and top of page 8 of the Final Office Action, it is argued that *Trudeau*'s teaching at column 4, lines 40-44 of "user defined profiles" are defined through "test results and the incorporation of options and selections into the system" and that *Trudeau* teaches an "Expert System Adaptive to User Profile and Choices" and that the system assists the user including "massive amounts of specific, targeted, and productive information which is custom configured for the individual profile." Through this and the teaching of establishing menu traces for the user to establish and respond to the user profile, the Examiner argues that ranking or prioritization of actions is shown to be a function of "designated allowances for said particular user."

Applicants respectfully submit that *Trudeau*'s teaching of the use of a user profile does not show or suggest to someone of ordinary skill in the art that "allowances" for the user are somehow incorporated into the profile, or that any "allowances" for the user are utilized in prioritizing the list of actions, as required in the steps of Claim 1. "Allowance" is defined by

¹ namely: *Trudeau*: Figure 1, items 10, 12; Figure 2, item 22; Figure 3, item 37; column 5, lines 13-26; column 6, lines 50-64; column 9, lines 5-15; column 9, line 66 to column 10, line 35; column 10, line 50-61; column 16, line 64 to column 17, line 5; and *Raymond*: column 25, lines 35-46

Funk & Wagnalls New International Dictionary of the English Language, Comprehensive Edition, J.G. Ferguson Publishing Company, 1987, as:

1. In allowing or being allowed. 2. That which is allowed. 3. A limited amount or portion as of an income or food, granted at regular intervals. 4. A sum or item put to one's credit in a transaction, as in consideration of exchange of the used article or a purchase in volume; discount ... 5. A difference permitted in access or abatement, as of a specification

As can be seen from its ordinary definition in the English language, allowances specify an amount or portion or sum or credit or difference permitted in access or abatement, i.e., that which is allowed. While the Examiner has cited numerous sections of *Trudeau* on pages 7 and 8 of the Final Office Action, the Examiner has failed to cite a single word from the *Trudeau* patent that is synonymous with or has an ordinary meaning equivalent to the word "allowances." Still further, nothing in the cited sections of *Trudeau* shows or suggests that "*sufficient allowances are available for each of said plurality of actions*" in determining a prioritization of the actions.

Moreover, such "allowances" are specifically narrowed within exemplary Claim 1 to only those including one of "*time allowances, financial allowances, and health allowances*." On pages 4 and 8 of the Final Office Action, the Examiner has contended that *Trudeau* teaches prioritizing the actions based on sufficient allowances being available from among time allowances, financial allowances, and health allowances at column 5, lines 13-55, column 6, lines 55-64, column 11, lines 47-63 and column 12, lines 4-46. However, at the cited section of column 5, *Trudeau* teaches a computer system for evaluating a level of stress of an individual, and providing a strategy of action to alleviate the stress based on the evaluation. At the cited section of column 6, *Trudeau* teaches that the user can selectively interact with recovery tools, but it does not describe prioritizing the actions "*at a priority level at which sufficient allowances are available*" as is required by Claim 1. At the cited section of column 11, *Trudeau* teaches that its inference machine performs a cognitive profile of the individual based on a variety of unique factors for the individual. While the cognitive profile for the individual is used to determine the ranking of actions and tools, nothing in the reference suggests that such ranking is determined based on "*sufficient allowances are available for each of said plurality of actions in view of said designated allowances*" for said individual, as is recited in Claim 1. Nowhere within the cited sections of *Trudeau* is it suggested that a user profile contains such allowances for the user, or

that *Trudeau* has any means for taking into account such allowances, or the sufficiency thereof, in prioritizing the list of actions.

Consequently, for the reasons given above, Applicants respectfully submit that *Raymond* in view of *Trudeau* does not show or suggest prioritizing actions based on “*designated allowances for said particular user*” and at “*a priority level at which sufficient allowances are available for each of said plurality of actions in view of said designated allowances, wherein said designated allowances includes at least one type of allowance from among time allowances, financial allowances, and health allowances.*”

In response to Appellant’s arguments made in Amendment A (filed March 19, 2003) in response to the first Office Action (filed December 23, 2002), which presented Appellant’s arguments substantially as above, the Examiner stated on page 9 of the Final Office Action:

Trudeau’s system compiles recommendations from the user’s profiles and other baseline data and incorporates an “expert system to recommend certain remedial actions in response to these parameters” (*Trudeau*; column 10, lines 50-65). These actions include direction of the user to tools or actions most capable of lowering distress or altering the health problem or fitting within designated allowances

While the Examiner’s remarks cite “designated allowances,” no such teaching is shown at *Trudeau* at column 10, lines 50-65. Again, while *Trudeau* does compile recommendations from user profiles, nothing within the teaching of *Trudeau* suggests that such user profiles include allowances for the user or that the expert system has a capability of prioritizing actions based on “a priority level at which sufficient allowances are available for each of the potential actions,” as argued by the Examiner at the bottom of page 9 of the Final Office Action. While the Examiner insists at the top of page 10 of the Final Office Action that prioritization based on time, financial and health allowances of a user are taught by the references, Appellants respectfully submit that the references provide no such teaching, and that the Examiner has rejected the claims as being obvious in hindsight of the teaching of the present application.

Consequently, for the reasons given above, Applicants respectfully submit that *Raymond* in view of *Trudeau* does not show or suggest prioritizing actions based on “*designated allowances for said particular user*” and at “*a priority level at which sufficient allowances are available for*

each of said plurality of actions in view of said designated allowances, wherein said designated allowances includes at least one type of allowance from among time allowances, financial allowances, and health allowances." For the reasons given above, Appellants respectfully submit that the rejection of the claims of Group I as being unpatentable over *Raymond* in view of *Trudeau* is not well founded and should be reversed.

Rejection of Group II under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

With regard to exemplary Claim 40, *Raymond* and *Trudeau* fail to disclose a method of scheduling tasks as recited in Claim 40. Claim 40 includes the step of:

selecting suitable times for scheduling said plurality of tasks in view of said current health parameters and designated allowances for said particular user at said personal health monitoring system, such that said personal health monitoring system aids said particular user in scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of said particular user.

It is stated on page 8 of the Final Office Action that this step of Claim 40 is shown by *Trudeau* at column 5, lines 21-26 and column 10, lines 50-61, and it is suggested that someone skilled in the art would be motivated to combine *Raymond* and *Trudeau* by the teaching of *Trudeau* at column 4, lines 26-44. At the cited section of column 5, *Trudeau* teaches evaluating an individual for a level of distress and providing a strategy of actions to alleviate the distress based on the evaluation. At the cited section of column 10, *Trudeau* teaches the making recommendations of remedial actions. A crisis module ranks the available tools in a progression of stress reducing actions. Neither of these teachings makes any reference to a scheduling of tasks. There is no selection of "suitable times." There is no suggestion that scheduling of tasks occurs "in view of said current help parameters and designated allowances for said particular user" as recited in Claim 40. At the cited section in column 4, *Trudeau* talks about timing and scheduling of a user's mastery of recovery tools, but no other reference to any type of scheduling occurs. There is no reference to scheduling of "suitable times" and there certainly is no showing or suggestion that any type of scheduling of tasks occurs "in view of said current health parameters and designated allowances for said particular user." For the reasons given above, Appellants respectfully submit that the rejection of the claims of Group II as being unpatentable over

Raymond in view of *Trudeau* is not well founded and should be reversed.

CONCLUSION

Appellant believes the foregoing arguments clearly demonstrate that *Raymond* in view of *Trudeau* do not render claims 1-4, 10-12, 14-17, 23-25, 27-30, 36-38, 40-68 unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Appellant has made a diligent effort to advance the prosecution of this application by pointing out with particularity how the claim as presented is patentable over the prior art of record. A Notice of Allowance of the claim now pending in this application is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX A

1. (currently amended) A method for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user, said method comprising the steps of:

automatically monitoring current health parameters for a particular user at a personal health monitoring system, wherein said current health parameters includes a plurality of monitored physical parameters and a plurality of monitored environmental parameters;

receiving a plurality of actions for selection by said particular user at said personal health monitoring system;

prioritizing said plurality of actions according to said current health parameters and designated allowances for said particular user at said personal health monitoring system;

presenting the prioritized plurality of actions for selection by said particular user, such that said personal health monitoring system aids said particular user in selecting from among said plurality of actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of said particular user; and

determining a priority level at which sufficient allowances are available for each of said plurality of actions in view of said designated allowances, wherein said designated allowances includes at least one type of allowance from among time allowances, financial allowances, and health allowances.

2. (original) The method for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 1, said step of monitoring current health parameters for a particular user at said personal health monitoring system further comprising the step of:

monitoring medication intake by said particular user.

3. (original) The method for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 1, said step of monitoring current health parameters for a particular user at said personal health monitoring system further comprising the step of:

monitoring food and liquid intake by said particular user.

4. (original) The method for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 1, said step of monitoring current health parameters for a particular user at said personal health monitoring system further comprising the step of:
monitoring environmental exposure of said particular user.
5. (original) The method for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 1, said step of monitoring current health parameters for a particular user at said personal health monitoring system further comprising the step of:
monitoring exercise performed by said particular user.
6. (original) The method for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 1, said step of monitoring current health parameters for a particular user at said personal health monitoring system further comprising the step of:
monitoring bodily health indicators for said particular user.
7. (original) The method for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 1, said step of receiving a plurality of actions for selection by said particular user at said personal health monitoring system, further comprising the step of:
receiving a plurality of selectable medication orders at said personal health monitoring system from a physician accessible server system.
8. (original) The method for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 1, said step of receiving a plurality of actions for selection by said particular user at said personal health monitoring system, further comprising the step of:
receiving a plurality of selectable food menu items at said personal health monitoring system from a restaurant menu server.
9. (original) The method for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 1, said step of receiving a plurality of actions for selection by said particular user at said personal health monitoring system, further comprising the step of:

receiving a plurality of selectable electronic recipes at said personal health monitoring system from an electronic recipe server.

10. (canceled)

11. (original) The method for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 1, said step of prioritizing said plurality of actions according to said current health parameters and designated allowances for said particular user at said personal health monitoring system, further comprising the step of:

determining whether each of said plurality of selectable actions are allowed according to a plurality of conditional requirements for allowance of said plurality of selectable actions.

12. (original) The method for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 1, said method further comprising the steps of:

transmitting said plurality of actions, said health profile and said designated allowances to an alternate decision making system; and

receiving a prioritization of said plurality of actions from said alternate decision making system at said personal health monitoring system.

13. (currently amended) The method for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 1, said method further comprising the step of:

filtering said plurality of actions according to electronic preferences designated by said particular user at said personal health monitoring system.

14. (currently amended) A system for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user, said system comprising:

means for automatically monitoring current health parameters for a particular user at a personal health monitoring system, wherein said current health parameters includes a plurality of monitored physical parameters and a plurality of monitored environmental parameters;

means for receiving a plurality of actions for selection by said particular user at said personal health monitoring system;

means for prioritizing said plurality of actions according to said current health parameters and designated allowances for said particular user at said personal health monitoring system;

means for presenting the prioritized plurality of actions for selection by said particular user, such that said personal health monitoring system aids said particular user in selecting from among said plurality of actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of said particular user; and

means for determining a priority level at which sufficient allowances are available for each of said plurality of actions in view of said designated allowances, wherein said designated allowances includes at least one type of allowance from among time allowances, financial allowances, and health allowances.

15. (original) The system for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 14, said means for monitoring current health parameters for a particular user at said personal health monitoring system further comprising:

means for monitoring medication intake by said particular user.

16. (original) The system for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 14, said means for monitoring current health parameters for a particular user at said personal health monitoring system further comprising:

means for monitoring food and liquid intake by said particular user.

17. (original) The system for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 14, said means for monitoring current health parameters for a particular user at said personal health monitoring system further comprising:

means for monitoring environmental exposure of said particular user.

18. (original) The system for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 14, said means for monitoring current health parameters for a particular user at said personal health monitoring system further comprising:

means for monitoring exercise performed by said particular user.

19. (original) The system for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 14, said means for monitoring current health parameters for a particular user at said personal health monitoring system further comprising:

means for monitoring bodily health indicators for said particular user.

20. (original) The system for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 14, said means for receiving a plurality of actions for selection by said particular user at said personal health monitoring system, further comprising:

means for receiving a plurality of selectable medication orders at said personal health monitoring system from a physician accessible server system.

21. (original) The system for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 14, said means for receiving a plurality of actions for selection by said particular user at said personal health monitoring system, further comprising:

means for receiving a plurality of selectable food menu items at said personal health monitoring system from a restaurant menu server.

22. (original) The system for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 14, said means for receiving a plurality of actions for selection by said particular user at said personal health monitoring system, further comprising:

means for receiving a plurality of selectable electronic recipes at said personal health monitoring system from an electronic recipe server.

23. (original) The system for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 14, said means for prioritizing said plurality of actions according to said current health parameters and designated allowances for said particular user at said personal health monitoring system, further comprising:

means for determining a priority level at which sufficient allowances are available for each of said plurality of actions in view of said designated allowances, wherein said designated allowances includes at least one type of allowance from among time allowances, financial allowances, and health allowances.

24. (original) The system for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 14, said means for prioritizing said plurality of actions according to said current health parameters and designated allowances for said particular user at said personal health monitoring system, further comprising:

means for determining whether each of said plurality of selectable actions are allowed according to a plurality of conditional requirements for allowance of said plurality of selectable actions.

25. (original) The system for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 14, said system further comprising:

means for transmitting said plurality of actions, said health profile and said designated allowances to an alternate decision making system; and

means for receiving a prioritization of said plurality of actions from said alternate decision making system at said personal health monitoring system.

26. (original) The system for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 14, said system further comprising:

means for filtering said plurality of actions according to electronic preferences designated by said particular use at said personal health monitoring system.

27. (currently amended) A program for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user, residing on a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means, said program comprising:

means for automatically monitoring current health parameters for a particular user at a personal health monitoring system, wherein said current health parameters includes a plurality of monitored physical parameters and a plurality of monitored environmental parameters;

means for receiving a plurality of actions for selection by said particular user at said personal health monitoring system;

means for prioritizing said plurality of actions according to said current health parameters and designated allowances for said particular user at said personal health monitoring system;

means for presenting the prioritized plurality of actions for selection by said particular user, such that said personal health monitoring system aids said particular user in selecting from among said plurality of actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of said particular user; and

means for determining a priority level at which sufficient allowances are available for each of said plurality of actions in view of said designated allowances, wherein said designated allowances includes at least one type of allowance from among time allowances, financial allowances, and health allowances.

28. (original) The program for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 27, said program further comprising:

means for monitoring medication intake by said particular user.

29. (original) The program for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 27, said program further comprising:

means for monitoring food and liquid intake by said particular user.

30. (original) The program for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 27, said program further comprising:

means for monitoring environmental exposure of said particular user.

31. (original) The program for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 27, said program further comprising:

means for monitoring exercise performed by said particular user.

32. (original) The program for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 27, said program further comprising:

means for monitoring bodily health indicators for said particular user.

33. (original) The program for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 27, said program further comprising:

means for receiving a plurality of selectable medication orders at said personal health monitoring system from a physician accessible server system.

34. (original) The program for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 27, said program further comprising:

means for receiving a plurality of selectable food menu items at said personal health monitoring system from a restaurant menu server.

35. (original) The program for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 27, said program further comprising:

means for receiving a plurality of selectable electronic recipes at said personal health monitoring system from an electronic recipe server.

36. (original) The program for prioritizing actions in order to balance a comprehensive health of a user according to claim 27, said program further comprising:

means for determining a priority level at which sufficient allowances are available for each of said plurality of actions in view of said designated allowances, wherein said designated allowances includes at least one type of allowance from among time allowances, financial allowances, and health allowances.

37. (original) The program for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 27, said program further comprising:

means for determining whether each of said plurality of selectable actions are allowed according to a plurality of conditional requirements for allowance of said plurality of selectable actions.

38. (original) The program for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 27, said program further comprising:

means for transmitting said plurality of actions, said health profile and said designated allowances to an alternate decision making system; and

means for receiving a prioritization of said plurality of actions from said alternate decision making system at said personal health monitoring system.

39. (original) The program for prioritizing actions in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 27, said program further comprising:

means for filtering said plurality of actions according to electronic preferences designated by said particular use at said personal health monitoring system.

40. (original) A method for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user, said method comprising the steps of:

monitoring current health parameters for a particular user at a personal health monitoring system, wherein said current health parameters includes a plurality of monitored physical parameters and a plurality of monitored environmental parameters;

receiving a plurality of tasks for said particular user for scheduling at said personal health monitoring system; and

selecting suitable times for scheduling said plurality of tasks in view of said current health parameters and designated allowances for said particular user at said personal health monitoring system, such that said personal health monitoring system aids said particular user in scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of said particular user.

41. (original) The method for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 40, said method further comprising the steps of:

receiving said plurality of tasks with a priority assigned to each of said plurality of tasks; and

selecting suitable times for scheduling said plurality of tasks according to said priority assigned to each of said plurality of tasks and a priority assigned to each task already scheduled.

42. (original) The method for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 40, said step of receiving a plurality of tasks for said particular user for scheduling at said personal health monitoring system, further comprising the step of:

receiving said plurality of tasks for said particular user from an alternate decision making system.

43. (original) The method for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 40, said step of receiving a plurality of tasks for said particular user for scheduling at said personal health monitoring system, further comprising the step of:

internally determining said plurality of tasks for said particular user at said personal health monitoring system according to said current health parameters and said designated allowances.

44. (original) The method for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 40, said step of receiving a plurality of tasks for said particular user for scheduling at said personal health monitoring system, further comprising the step of:

receiving said plurality of tasks from said particular user via an input interface coupled to said personal health monitoring system.

45. (original) The method for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 40, said step of selecting suitable times for scheduling said plurality of tasks in view of said current health parameters and designated allowances for said particular user, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether a particular task from among said plurality of tasks is schedulable; and

prompting said particular user to determine whether or not to schedule said particular task, in response to determining that said particular task is not schedulable.

46. (original) The method for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 40, said method further comprising the step of:

determining whether each of said plurality of tasks is allowable according to designated conditional time requirements at said personal health monitoring system.

47. (original) The method for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 40, said method further comprising the step of:

scheduling tasks in an electronic schedule according to time allowances designated by said particular user.

48. (original) The method for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 47, said method further comprising the step of:

indicating whether a scheduled task requires verification of performance.

49. (original) A system for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user, said system comprising:

means for monitoring current health parameters for a particular user at a personal health monitoring system, wherein said current health parameters includes a plurality of monitored physical parameters and a plurality of monitored environmental parameters;

means for receiving a plurality of tasks for said particular user for scheduling at said personal health monitoring system; and

means for selecting suitable times for scheduling said plurality of tasks in view of said current health parameters and designated allowances for said particular user at said personal health monitoring system, such that said personal health monitoring system aids said particular user in scheduling tasks in order to balance a comprehensive health of said particular user.

50. (original) The system for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 49, said system further comprising:

means for receiving said plurality of tasks with a priority assigned to each of said plurality of tasks; and

means for selecting suitable times for scheduling said plurality of tasks according to said priority assigned to each of said plurality of tasks and a priority assigned to each task already scheduled.

51. (original) The system for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 49, said means for receiving a plurality of tasks for said particular user for scheduling at said personal health monitoring system, further comprising:

means for receiving said plurality of tasks for said particular user from an alternate decision making system.

52. (original) The system for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 49, said means for receiving a plurality of tasks for said particular user for scheduling at said personal health monitoring system, further comprising:

means for internally determining said plurality of tasks for said particular user at said personal health monitoring system according to said current health parameters and said designated allowances.

53. (original) The system for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 49, said means for receiving a plurality of tasks for said particular user for scheduling at said personal health monitoring system, further comprising:

means for receiving said plurality of tasks from said particular user via an input interface coupled to said personal health monitoring system.

54. (original) The system for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 49, said means for selecting suitable times for scheduling said plurality of tasks in view of said current health parameters and designated allowances for said particular user, further comprising:

means for determining whether a particular task from among said plurality of tasks is schedulable; and

means for prompting said particular user to determine whether or not to schedule said particular task, in response to determining that said particular task is not schedulable.

55. (original) The system for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 49, said system further comprising:

means for determining whether each of said plurality of tasks is allowable according to designated conditional time requirements at said personal health monitoring system.

56. (original) The system for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 49, said system further comprising:

means for scheduling tasks in an electronic schedule according to time allowances designated by said particular user.

57. (original) The system for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 56, said system further comprising:

means for indicating whether a scheduled task requires verification of performance.

58. (original) A program for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user, residing on a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means, said program comprising:

means for monitoring current health parameters for a particular user at a personal health monitoring system, wherein said current health parameters includes a plurality of monitored physical parameters and a plurality of monitored environmental parameters;

means for receiving a plurality of tasks for said particular user for scheduling at said personal health monitoring system; and

means for selecting suitable times for scheduling said plurality of tasks in view of said current health parameters and designated allowances for said particular user at said personal health monitoring system, such that said personal health monitoring system aids said particular user in scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of said particular user.

59. (original) The program for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 58, said program further comprising:

means for receiving said plurality of tasks with a priority assigned to each of said plurality of tasks; and

means for selecting suitable times for scheduling said plurality of tasks according to said priority assigned to each of said plurality of tasks and a priority assigned to each task already scheduled.

60. (original) The program for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 58, said program further comprising:

means for receiving said plurality of tasks for said particular user from an alternate decision making system.

61. (original) The program for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 58, said program further comprising:

means for internally determining said plurality of tasks for said particular user at said personal health monitoring system according to said current health parameters and said designated allowances.

62. (original) The program for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 58, said program further comprising:

means for receiving said plurality of tasks from said particular user via an input interface coupled to said personal health monitoring system.

63. (original) The program for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 58, said program further comprising:

means for determining whether a particular task from among said plurality of tasks is schedulable; and

means for prompting said particular user to determine whether or not to schedule said particular task, in response to determining that said particular task is not schedulable.

64. (original) The program for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 58, said program further comprising:

means for determining whether each of said plurality of tasks is allowable according to designated conditional time requirements at said personal health monitoring system.

65. (original) The program for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 58, said program further comprising:

means for scheduling tasks in an electronic schedule according to time allowances designated by said particular user.

66. (original) The program for scheduling tasks in order to balance the comprehensive health of a user according to claim 65, said program further comprising:

means for indicating whether a scheduled task requires verification of performance.

67. (canceled)

68. (canceled)